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Manchester for many years. He was also interested in the banking business and was for some time in active charge of the Manchester bank. He served as cashier of the First National Bank for years and was elected president, which position he held at the time of his death. He was a Republican in politics and represented Delaware county in the Thirty-fifth General Assembly.

EDSON GAYLORD was born in Northville, Litchfield county, Connecticut, October 16, 1826; he died at his home near Nora Springs, Iowa, March 18, 1914. He began work on a farm at the early age of six years and at nine was hired out to work on a farm at six dollars a month. He began teaching school at the age of seventeen years. He continued working and teaching in the East until 1853 when he came West to make his home, and after stopping in Wisconsin, Illinois and Minnesota, finally settled in Floyd county, Iowa. In October, 1853, he cut the first tree for his home, which was made entirely without nails. He cut the first tree for the first school house in Floyd county, cut out and made the first pioneer road through Rock Grove township and burned the first lime in a regular kiln. During his long residence he served as justice of the peace, member of the board of township trustees and member and chairman of the school board. For some years he was a correspondent of the *New York Tribune*. He was considered an authority on agriculture and horticulture and gave especial attention to apple culture in the northwest.

JOHN D. MCLEARY was born in Wabash county, Illinois, September 27, 1829; he died at Indianola, Iowa, April 3, 1914. He was educated and taught school in his native county, later going as a school teacher to Fulton county. In 1852 he removed to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and taught school one winter. He then removed to Indianola where he spent a few years teaching school and acting as deputy county clerk. He took up the study of medicine, most of his course being pursued in Chicago. He received his degree in 1861 from the Keokuk Medical College. He practiced medicine in Indianola continuously for more than fifty-two years. During the last years of the war he served as assistant surgeon in the Thirty-fourth and Forty-sixth Iowa regiments. In 1891 Gov. Horace Boies appointed him regent of the State University of Iowa to fill out the unexpired term of Thomas S. Wright, and later he served a full term. He was a member of the county board of examiners of the insane from the time of its organization until shortly before his death. For many years he was pension examiner and for forty-one years local surgeon for the C. R. I. & P. Railway. He was a Republican in politics and always interested in the welfare of the community in which he lived.

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